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SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DUE PROCESS INVESTIGATIVE
MECHANISM

1. OUTLINE OF US INITIATIVE PRESENTED IN SEPARATE MEETINGS TO JAPANESE PERMREP HIRRAOKA, AND CANADIAN PERMREP BEAULNE.
2. TEXT OF US INITIATIVE PASSED TO HIRRAOKA AND BEAULNE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND PURPOSE AND THRUST OF US INITIATIVE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL TO THEM BY PERMREP. A MAJOR OBJECTIVE WAS TO PRIVATELY ALERT THESE TWO ALLIES AND SET GROUND FOR OUR PRESENTATION TO INFO GRP ON FRIDAY. HIRRAOKA IS CHAIRMAN OF IG AND HE AGREED TO CALL ON US FOR THE PRESENTATION.
3. HIRRAOKA SAID THAT HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH OUR BRINGING THE MATTER TO THE IG OR BEFORE THE EXBD. HE
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SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO COMMENT ON HOW HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD REACT TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INITIATIVE. HE SAID THAT, OF COURSE, THEY WERE AGAINST UNNECESSARY POLITICAL CONFRONTATIONS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE GOV. OF JAPAN HAD GENERALLY PREFERRED TO ASSUME A LOW PROFILE ON MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, PARTICULARLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS.

4. AMBASSADOR BEAULNE EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH HE RESERVED HIS POSITION ON EXACTLY WHAT PROCEDURE WOULD BE BEST AT UNESCO. HE RECALLED THAT HE IS CHAIRMAN OF A SUB COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WHICH ACTS IN A SIMILAR WAY TO REVIEW COMPLAINTS. BEAULNE SAID HE WOULD MAKE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN ISSUES INVOLVING ONE GOVERNMENT COMPLAINING AGAINST ANOTHER AND COMPLAINTS BROUGHT BY INDIVIDUALS OR NGO'S AGAINST A GOVERNMENT. WE INDICATED THAT THE CURRENT UNESCO HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES ARE MAINLY DESIGNED TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS BY INDIVIDUALS AND THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS MUCH MORE BROAD AND FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON COMPLAINTS BY A MEMBER STATE AGAINST ANOTHER MEMBER STATE.

5. WE INFORMED BEAULNE THAT WE INTENDED TO BRING THIS TO THE IG ON FRIDAY AND WANTED HIM TO HAVE INFORMATION IN ADVANCE. BEAULNE SAID HE WOULD SEND THE TEXT TO OTTAWA AND RECOMMEND THAT THEY SUPPORT OUR INITIATIVE. WE AGREED TO KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED.

6. COMMENT: WE MEET WITH THE NINE TOMORROW, AND THE IG ON FRIDAY. ON MONDAY WE WILL GO TO LONDON FOR PRIVATE TALKS WITH EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN. PLAN TO APPROACH CARNEIRO (BRAZIL), WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF UNESCO COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AS A KEY LATIN AMERICAN. PERMDEL WILL BE SENDING SUGGESTIONS FOR TEXT OF OUR INTERVENTION BY END THIS WEEK.
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